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Examiner : Yvonne Quy M. Ha

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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7. A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language reference(s) appears in the Appendix attached hereto.

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consider the cited application and the art cited therein during examination of the present application.

9. This application is one of a series of related applications, identified in the attached Appendix, which are directed to related technical subject matter. The identification of those U.S. Patent Applications is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to those applications now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited applications and the art cited therein during the examination.

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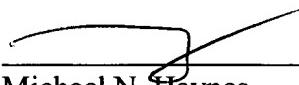
11. English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references are attached hereto.

12. Other.

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2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**Fee Description**

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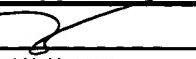
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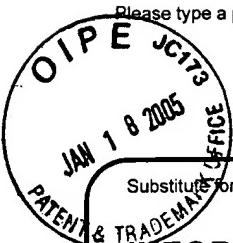
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS			
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	6,724,781	Dupont	20 April 2004
	6,639,895	Helles	28 October 2003
	6,292,464	Elahmadi	18 September 2001

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